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A HEAT EXCHANGE PLATE AND For:

SUCH A PLATE WITH A GASKET

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-mentioned patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

## **AMENDMENTS**

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

(Amended) A heat exchanger plate for a plate-type heat exchanger, said plate comprising a gasket groove in the form of an indentation that extends, at least across the portion of the plate, close to the periphery of the plate and is, at intervals, provided with an expanded portion for receiving a coupling element on an associated gasket, said expanded portion being situated substantially in the same place as the gasket groove itself, wherein there is, in connection with each of the expanded portions of the gasket groove, by cutting and ridging of the plate material provided at

